



Open Space Committee

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Conducted by Zoom remote participation

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ann LeRoy, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Brian Kelder, Wendy Richter, David White, Emily Sullivan

Absent: Phil Lasker, Teresa DeBenedictis, John Pickle

1. Review/approve Minutes of July 30, 2020
 - a. Minutes of the July 30 meeting were reviewed and approved by all members present.
2. OSC Administration/Communications
 - a. The announcement for new OSC member remains on the Town website. Emily will ask that the announcement is included in a Town notification.
3. Picture Post
 - a. Elisabeth and John have been working on locating new picture posts. Elisabeth and John will be meeting with volunteer friends groups at Spy Pond Park, Robbins Farm, Magnolia Field, and Wellington Park to discuss possible locations. Elisabeth would like to streamline the process to approve and install new picture posts with the Park and Recreation Commission. Elisabeth asked the Committee about placing new picture posts along the Mill Brook and along the Take-A-Walk walking routes.
4. Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)
 - a. The \$35,000 CPA grant for updating the Open Space & Recreation Plan was approved by Town Meeting in June. Emily and Ann sent a draft of the RFQ to all members for review. The goal is to post the RFQ in early October 2020. Emily will work with the Purchasing Agent to post the RFQ. The OSC will work as a review committee to review proposals and interview firms if necessary. The Revised Plan must be submitted to the State Division of Conservation Services by May 2022.
5. Updates: CPA/CDBG projects
 - a. David updated the Committee on the status of Reservoir Master Plan Phase 2. The porous pavement pilot path approved in Phase 1 was installed. Phase 2 is wrapping up the public engagement process and will proceed with permitting from the Arlington and Lexington Conservation Commissions this fall.
 - b. Emily updated the Committee on the status of Wellington Park Phase 3, which is now seeking permitting approval. Construction will likely begin in the spring, and not the fall as originally planned.

- c. Elisabeth updated the Committee on the status of the Mountain Bike Working Group. The Working Group is assessing multiple town open spaces to determine the feasibility of a mountain bike park. These open spaces include Crusher Lot, Hills Hill, Menotomy Rocks Park, Turkey Hill, and McClennen.

6. Other News and Reports

- a. Full results of the Envision Arlington annual town survey have not been released yet. Results will be used to inform the Open Space and Recreation Plan update.
- b. Relocation planning for the VA memorial at Broadway Plaza is on hold.
- c. Mugar/Thorndike Place: There is be a ZBA hearing for the proposal on 10/13/2020. The Conservation Commission will have a working session with the Applicant and the Town's third-party reviewer before the ZBA hearing, on 10/01/2020.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 PM.

Next Meetings: 10/22, 11/12, 12/10

Submitted by
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